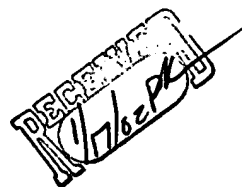


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As per your request, attached is a copy of the Response
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Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of routing a transaction, the method including:
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